Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The first National Eye Donor Month was observed in March of 1983 as the result of a proclamation read by President Ronald Reagan; and,

Whereas, Every year thereafter, a member of Congress has continued the tradition and reads a proclamation into the Congressional Record each March; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank, the only donation organization based in South Dakota, provided corneas to 283 recipients in South Dakota in 2015, improving their quality of life and health; and,

Whereas, There were 410 corneal donations in South Dakota during 2015; and,

Whereas, In 2013, it was proposed and the South Dakota Legislature passed House Bill 1217 to promote donation; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota recognizes the importance of continuing to raise awareness of the need to donate, to recognize donors and their families, and to celebrate recipients:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

EYE DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State